

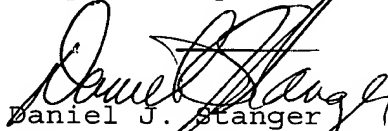
REMARKS

The Applicants request reconsideration of the rejection.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 2-5, 7-10, and 14 will be pending.

The Examiner indicated that claims 2-3, 5, 7-8, 10, and 14 contain allowable subject matter, and would be allowable if rewritten into independent form. The Applicants have done so. Further, claims 4 and 9 have been amended to be dependent, respectively, from allowable claims 2 and 9. Therefore, the Applicants believe that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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